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SUBJECT: KENYA PILOT STUDY OF UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- ACTIVITIES - CONSULTATION WITH UNIDO

REF: VIENNA 3085, STATE 70561

1. ON APRIL 19, MISOFF WAS BRIEFED BY AMCIT R.L. HAMMELTON, UNIDO STAFFER WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BACKSTOPPING UNDP/UNIDO PROJECT 74/OO7 (STATE 74967, PARA 2.E), AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL SURVEY AND PROMOTION CENTER PRODUCED IN DECEMBER 1975.

2. HAMMELTON AND HIS BOSS (E. HERNRIED, CHIEF OF THE INDUSTRIAL PLANNING SECTION), WHO SAT IN ON PART OF CONVERSATION, BOTH FELT THE PROJECT WAS A GOOD ONE. STARTED IN 1970, THE KENYAN COUNTERPARTS HAD MOVED INTO CONTROL BY 1975/76, AND THE CENTER WAS NOW WHOLLY A KENYAN GOV-UNCLASSIFIED

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ERNMENT ORGANIZATION. THE POWER STRUGGLE NOTED IN THE 1975 EVALUATION HAD BEEN A CONFLICT OF PERSONALITIES WHICH HAD BEEN RESOLVED. THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER NOW REPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

3. A UNIDO PROJECT MANAGER IS NO LONGER REQUIRED. THREE

UNIDO EXPERTS SERVE ON THE CENTER'S STAFF, AND BACK-
STOPPING IS PROVIDED BY A YEARLY VISIT BY HAMMELTON.
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4. AT TIME OF LAST VISIT (NOVEMBER 1977), HAMMELTON
FOUND THAT ONLY SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH CENTER WERE
INTERNAL KENYAN GOVERNMENT PROBLEMS:

-- THE CENTER LACKED FUNDING TO MATCH THE SALARIES
OFFERED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ENGINEERS (HAMMELTON
BROUGHT THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF BOTH UNDP AND THE
MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY; BOTH ARE SEARCHING
FOR MEANS TO RESOLVE IT).

-- THERE EXISTED UNCERTAINTY OVER THE AMOUNT OF CON-
TRIBUTION THE CENTER SHOULD MAKE TO THE INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (THIS WAS SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED
WITH THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING).

-- MEANS HAD NOT BEEN FOUND FOR THE CENTER TO ASSIST
IN THE AREA OF "TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES" (HAMMELTON CONTACTED THE INDIAN HIGH
COMMISSIONER AND THE CENTER WILL NOW SEND YEARLY 5
TO 10 PERSONNEL TO INDIA ON INDUSTRIAL TOURS).

5. HAMMELTON FOUND THAT THE PROJECT HAD BUILT UP IN THE
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KENYAN GOVERNMENT AN "AMAZING AMOUNT OF GOOD-WILL"
TOWARDS UNDP/UNIDO. LEARY

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